

Minutes
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 23, 2011

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pamela Melville, Chairperson; Tom Brandt; Stephen Penner.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Excused – Traci Tucker; Unexcused – Sal Gonzalez.
 - C. Youth Commissioners: Present – Jared Hirata & Baylee Mayfield.
 - D. Staff Present: Joel Glick, Community Services Director; Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent; Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant; Crystal Perkins, Recreation Assistant; Eddie Vasquez, Recreation Leader; Stephanie Moreno, Recreation Leader; Cynthia Toledo, Recreation Leader; Chase Schwartzwalter, Senior Lifeguard.
 - E. Others Present: Amanda Searle, Junior Leader; Dakota Ortega; Rica Coria; Ronnie Schmitz.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Brandt, that the minutes of April 28, 2011 be approved. The motion carried.
 - B. It was moved by Commissioner Penner, seconded by Commissioner Brandt, that the minutes of May 26, 2011 be approved. The motion carried.
3. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
4. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Parks and Recreation Month Presentation** – Sarah Reid gave a short informational presentation on summer programs.
 - Working with Fresno County EOC for our summertime Lunch & Snack program. We will be evaluating this arrangement at the end of the season.
 - Adult Softball is underway 5 days a week. 27 teams will be playing 10 games each.
 - Junior Giants Opening Ceremony will be held July 9th
 - Aquatics program is at the College Pool this year. Chase Schwartzwalter was introduced as the Senior Guard who is in charge

on site at the pool. He has worked with us as a lifeguard for 3 summers.

- Eddie Vasquez was introduced as an employee of our After School program at Washington School and also has been a Summer Day Camp leader for the last 5 years.

Eddie, along with other summer recreation leaders – Stephanie Moreno & Cynthia Toledo (who both also work in the After School Program), along with Amanda Searle (Junior Leader in Summer Day Camp) read the proclamation to the Commission. Eddie indicated that he is so proud of all the Junior Leaders this year. They are learning valuable skills to not only succeed as a recreation leader, but also in life. He explained that this year's theme at Summer Day Camp is "Get to Know your City" as they will be taking many field trips to local sites.

B. **Recruitment for 2011-12 Youth Reps** – Commissioner Penner asked questions to each applicant that was present:

- What is your favorite city facility or park? Most answered – Citizens because it has so much variety – basketball courts, walking trail, playground, soccer fields, etc.
- What would you change at any of these facilities if you were able to? Some of the answers included adding more basketball courts, creating public tennis courts in parks, lights at Citizens Park, and more activities in parks.
- How does Parks and Recreation relate to the community?

Chairperson Melville explained to the candidates that the Commission will go into closed session later in the meeting to decide on the 2011-12 Youth Reps and will be notified by Sarah Reid later in the week.

Most of the candidates indicated that they heard about this position through the Leadership Class at Reedley High School.

C. **Recognition of 2010-11 Youth Reps** – Plaques were given by Chairperson Melville to both Jared Hirata and Baylee Mayfield in recognition of their year of service as our first Youth Representatives. Those in attendance were invited to have a piece of cake to celebrate with Jared and Baylee.

6. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. **Jared Hirata** – Asked if the marquee at Citizens Park could be moved from facing the road to closer to the trail or restroom for better visibility. Staff will look into this.
- B. **Baylee Mayfield** – Asked about the possibility of a Facebook page that advertises volunteer opportunities in the community. Staff will follow up on this.

7. STAFF REPORTS

A. **Joel Glick, CS Director**

- 1) City budget will not be finalized by July 1st. Still negotiating.
- 2) Our application for the Proposition 84 grant is nearly complete and is due on July 1, 2011.
- 3) The Sports Park meeting for the Proposition 84 grant went well. Over 125 signatures were received that day.
- 4) Boys and Girls Club at the Community Center now has around 100 members. They have created a lot of activity around the Center.
- 5) River Entry has not started in the river parks due to the high water level. Until the river and parks are opened, we will not be collecting fees on the weekends.

B. **Sarah Reid, CS Superintendent**

- 1) Introduced Crystal Perkins, Recreation Assistant and explained that she has been doing a fantastic job.
- 2) Announced that she will be stepping back more and more due to her pregnancy. She will be leaving around the end of July and plans to return around Labor Day.

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. **Commissioner Penner** – Asked when the water tower will begin construction? Joel indicated that it will be in August. The ribbon cutting will take place in late July. He will notify the Commission of that date.

9. CLOSED SESSION – Went into closed session at 7:10 p.m. and reconvened at 7:22 p.m. It was announced by Chairperson Melville that Jared Hirata and Rica Coria were selected as the two Youth Representatives for 2011-12.

10. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Joel Glick, Community Services Director